



# Fact Sheet

## Budget Act of 2021 – Drinking Water Infrastructure Appropriation

### Overview

The Budget Act of 2021 (Senate Bill 129 and Senate Bill 170) appropriated \$1.55 billion to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in item 3940-106-0001 (the Infrastructure Appropriation). The budget bill specifies that \$650 million (M) is for drinking water projects, with priority given to disadvantaged communities (DACs).

#### Key Provisions:

- Up to 5% for SWRCB administrative costs (leaves \$617.5 M for wastewater grants).
- Up to 10% may be utilized for technical assistance (TA) and capacity building in DACs.
- Must be encumbered by June 30, 2024.
- Must be liquidated by June 30, 2026.

### Drinking Water Grant Eligibility

SWRCB Resolution No. 2021-0030, dated August 18, 2021:

- Authorized the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) to encumber up to \$100 M of the drinking water allocation from the Infrastructure Appropriation.
- This grant funding is awarded consistent with the eligibilities, conditions, and processes set forth in the [2021/22 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund \(DWSRF\) Intended Use Plan \(IUP\)](#).
- Any programmatic or project-specific funding cap set forth in the DWSRF IUP can be waived for the purposes of awarding the Infrastructure Appropriation Funds, as are several DWSRF cross-cutting compliance obligations.

Implementation Plan for remaining \$517.5 M available:

- DFA will be working with stakeholders to develop an implementation plan.
  - SAFER Advisory Group Meeting – **November 18, 2021**
    - [Presentation](#)
    - Recorded Meeting (Starts at 4:24:00)
      - [English](#)
      - [Spanish](#)
  - Large Drinking Water System Stakeholder Meeting – **November 19, 2021**
    - [Presentation](#)
    - [Recorded Meeting](#)
  - Draft Implementation Plan posted for public comment – **Early January 2022**
  - Board Workshop on Draft Implementation Plan – **January 20, 2022**
  - SWRCB consideration of Implementation Plan – **March 2022**



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